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SUBJ: SEC GEN WALDHEIM'S REMARKS ON REUTERS STORY

1. AT LUNCHEON GIVEN BY FRG PERMREP VON WECHMAR FOR WILLY BRANDT, SEC GEN WALDHEIM TOOK AMB WHITE ASIDE TO EXPLAIN WITH SOME ANIMATION HIS CONCERN ABOUT REUTERS STORY, HEADLINED "WALDHEIM CRITICIZES KISSINGER", APPEARING IN TODAY'S NEW YORK POST. WALDHEIM SAID THAT STORY WAS THIRD HAND, SINCE WRITTEN BY REUTERS CORRESPONDENT IN VIENNA BASED ON INTERVIEW BY DIE PRESSE JOURNALIST HERE A WEEK AGO, AND WAS GROSSLY DISTORTED AND INACCURATE. HE SAID HE WAS VERY MUCH DISTURBED AND WHEN UNABLE TO TALK WITH AMB SCALI BY PHONE THIS MORNING, ASKED UNDER SEC GEN URQUHART TO PHONE ASST SEC BUFFUM IN WASHINGTON TO EXPLAIN THAT STORY WAS NOT ACCURATE STATEMENT OF WHAT HE HAS SAID TO THE DIE PRESSE JOURNALIST. HE HAD ALSO INSTRUCTED HIS PRESS SPOKESMAN TO ISSUE A STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT.

2. WALDHEIM CONTINUED FOR SOME MINUTES ABOUT HIS VERY HIGH REGARD FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS THE SECRETARY HAS MADE TO SOLVING CRITICAL PROBLEMS. HE ADDED THAT HIS VIEWS OF HOW BILATERAL DIPLOMACY SUPPLEMENTS MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY WERE A MATTER OF RECORD IN AMANY STATEMENTS.

3. UNDER SEC GEN URQUHART SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED AMB WHITE
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ASKING MISSION TO FORWARD PERSONAL LETTER FROM WALDHEIM

TO SECRETARY KISSINGER. (TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL)

4. WALDHEIM ALSO SPOKE WITH AMB SCALI IN WASHINGTON
THIS AFTERNOON.

5. TEXT OF "NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS" ISSUED BY UN OFFICE
OF PUBLIC INFORMATION FOLLOWS:

NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS ASTONISHED AT THE VIEWS APPARENTLY
ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN AN ARTICLE IN DIE PRESSE OF VIENNA
ON 26 MARCH. THIS ARTICLE IS PRESUMABLY BASED ON A CONVERSATION WITH
A REPRESENTATIVE OF DIE PRESSE WHICH TOOK PLACE A WEEK AGO
ON 20 MARCH.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS NOT SEEN THE FULL TEXT OF THE DIE
PRESSE ARTICLE WHICH IS IN GERMAN BUT ONLY AN AGENCY REPORT
GIVING EXCERPTS IN ENGLISH. THESE CERTAINLY DO NOT
REFLECT CORRECTLY EITHER THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VIEWS
ON THE SUBJECTS MENTIONED OR THE FULL SUBSTANCE OF THE CONVERSATION
REFERRED TO ABOVE, WHICH COVERED A VERY WIDE RANGE OF INTER-
NATIONAL PROBLEMS.

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